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Title: SIGNAL SEQUENCES FOR PREPARING LEU-HIRUDIN BY SECRETION BY E. COLI INTO THE CULTURE MEDIUM

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$950.00 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 33 pages, including 9 pgs. of Sequence Listing, 3 independent claims and 19 claims total.
4. Drawings - 1 sheet of formal drawings containing 1 figure
5. Certified copy of German Patent Application No. 19944870.1, filed on September 18, 1999.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for
filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on German Patent Application No.
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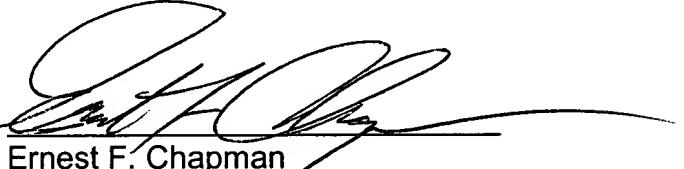
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due
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Respectfully submitted,

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